

TGMI Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2004

Members Present: Donna Duarte, Chuck Holland, Marty Toth, Kathy Hartman (by phone), Carolyn Wilson, Mike Travis (by phone) Teresa Bullington, Julie Perrey,

Old Business:

- The August 3, 2004 Steering Committee Meeting **minutes** were read and discussed and approved and will be published to the website, as will the agendas. Donna passed around previous minutes to make sure they were the updated ones and they will also be placed on the website.
- **Fall Conference Committee report:** The conference planning is coming along well with speakers committed and the logistics being taken care of. Most of the committees are busy working and there will be more specific details to the committee as the conference approaches. It was reported that we would be able to have the Library the entire day before and set up for the conference will take place the afternoon of 10/25.
- **Brown Bag report/Hospitality Committee:** Julie's committee suggested we combine the Brown Bag and Holiday committees into one and call it the Hospitality committee. It was approved that we do that. Julie said the members of those committees were the same, so it made it easy to combine. Any official BB from here on out will have a speaker/presentation in some form. Anyone who wishes to host a BB will need to get in touch with Julie and let her know when and what topic.

The Hospitality committee is planning an "event" on the evening before Fall Conference, 10/25; to get together for a while at either Wildhorse Saloon or BB King's on 2nd ave. This will be for all classes.

The holiday breakfast will occur at the Ellington Ag Center and Mike Travis & helpers will be our cooks, the cost has yet to be determined. The speaker was not confirmed at the time of this meeting. We will need door prizes. Instead of donating to 2nd Harvest food bank this year, we will be receiving a list of children whose parents are in prison and each class will have a family to sponsor.

- Chuck reported the **Newsletter** is on the website for you to view. Chuck will hold a meeting of the Class Reporters in October to work on the next issue. This meeting will focus on creating a standard format for gathering information and producing the newsletter.
- **Bylaws report:** At the October meeting, we will discuss the recommended changes to the bylaws.

New Business

Class of 2003 report: Marty Toth presented that Brenda Apple ('03 TDEC) has set up a work day for Radnor Lake State Park for all MI members who wish to volunteer to help clean up the park and eradicate weeds, invasives, etc. The date is Saturday October 23 for anyone who wants to join. More details will follow on times, what to bring, etc. Also it was encouraged that members in other parts of the state could contact a park in their area and volunteer to help. Brenda Apple is a contact for the Radnor Lake Project.

Marty also discussed getting the membership to assist and support the Union Rescue Mission in Nashville sometime around the holidays. More info to come on that project.

These two projects are community service project that were spearheaded by the 2003 class.

- **Communication subcommittee report:** Chuck Holland will be heading up this subcommittee as part of the newsletter committee. We have discussions at several previous meetings regarding the fact that we are unable to get just in time information out to our members because of members not updating their directory information, email, etc. This committee will discuss ideas and creative ways to get the information out to the members. The primary method of communication is the web site so who keeps it up, who do we call, bylaws says that the Secretary keeps up the database, does that need to change, and many other issues to discuss. The committee will consist of someone from OIR, member-at-large, class reporters and any TGMI member who can contribute to our needs.
- **Personnel report:** Cindy reports that the website has been updated with pictures from the 2004 class and the newsletter. DOP is working on the graduation ceremonies for the class of 2004. She also discussed that at the fall conference TRICOR would be have a presentation around the logo products. These products will be available for purchase for two weeks once a year. Checks will be made out to TGMI and our treasurer will make one check out to TRICOR.

An endowment advisory business group is being established by Commissioner Randy Camp, so that it can move forward on the Endowment for TGI. The Advisory group will be a bi-partisan group so that the endowment will become a reality. The Advisory group will be invited to the fall conference to interact with the alumni group and will have its 1st official meeting.

- Donna agreed to contact the Election Committee and begin work on the nomination of officers for the new year.

The next meeting will occur on **October 5 at the Farmers Market.**